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Mr. Jay Vroom
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Subject: Petition regarding criteria for the acceptance of epidemiological evidence in pesticide risk assessments. Your letter of September 22, 2016.

Dear Mr. Vroom:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your petition dated September 22, 2016, which requests that the Agency: promulgate a regulation establishing criteria for evaluating whether epidemiological evidence will be accepted in pesticides risk assessments; and at minimum publish for public comment in the Federal Register EPA's proposed Epidemiological Framework.

We are currently evaluating your request and will keep you informed of our progress. We appreciate your concern regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Housenger", is written over the typed name and title.

Jack E. Housenger, Director
Office of Pesticide Programs